

art references. A mere combination of Begemann and Abe does not yield all of the elements of the independent claims. Therefore a prima facie case of obviousness has not been made.

Applicant's comments dated October 9, 2003 are hereby incorporated by reference and the Examiner's attention is directed to them.

Applicant requests formal processing of the RCE patent application at this time.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of June, 2004.

Respectfully,
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